

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

By Kelsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sarah Huffman upon being named the West Tennessee recipient of the 2018 Tennessee Association for Administrators in Special Education Cup.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Huffman is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the executive director of Exceptional Student Education in the Germantown Municipal School District, Ms. Huffman was recently named the West Tennessee recipient of the 2018 Tennessee Association for Administrators in Special Education Cup, a most befitting honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huffman is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Huffman began her career as a fourth grade teacher in Mississippi, but she sensed that her purpose was not in the general education classroom; she transitioned to special education in 2004 at the preschool level before joining Shelby County Schools in 2008, where she taught for two years and served as a supervisor. She was named a supervisor for Bartlett City Schools in 2014 before being named to her present position two years later; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Sarah Huffman oversees the Exceptional Student Education programs for the district, including programs ranging from gifted education to

education for the severely impaired; more than 1,000 students ages three through twenty-two benefit from her tireless work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huffman is passionate in her efforts to improve transition and post-secondary outcomes for all of her students, and, to that end, she is a member of the leadership team of Transition Tennessee, a statewide program that provides best practices and practical strategies for special educators, families, and other transition team members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huffman truly serves as an inspiration to the administrators, faculty, and staff of the Germantown Municipal School District, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Huffman epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Sarah Huffman upon being named the 2018 West Tennessee recipient of the Tennessee Association for Administrators in Special Education Cup, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.